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SUBJECT: President elect Obama calls President Wade

1. On November 19, the Spokesperson of the President's office announced that President Abdoulaye Wade received a telephone call from US President elect Obama. The following unofficial translation of the press release that was issued and read on the evening news broadcast of the Senegalese state television company RTS:

2. Begin Text:

"His Excellency President Abdoulaye Wade received a telephone call today Wednesday November 19, 2008 at 19:30 from U.S. President elect Barack Obama.

The conversation focused in particular on the cordial and friendly relations as well as the positive cooperation between the two countries.

President-elect Barack Obama expressed a positive appreciation for Senegal and indicated his desire to work with President Wade to pursue and strengthen the strong and privileged relationships between the two countries.

The two leaders have also discussed global affairs regarding which President Wade indicated that as Chair of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, he looked forward to working with President Obama for a peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Dakar, November 19, 2008.

Elhadj Amadou Sall
Minister, Spokesperson of the President's Office."

End Text

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